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SUBJECT: SC CONSULTATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST - UNEF

AUGMENTATION

REF: A. USUN 183; B. USUN 265

1. IN CONNECTION JANUARY 29 SC CONSULTATIONS, MISSION SHOULD INFORM SC MEMBERS US OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO REQUIRE FORMAL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SYG'S DECISION TO AUGUMENT UNEF FROM 7,000 TO 7,800 TROOPS. MISSION SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT 7,000 FIGURE MENTIONED IN SYG'S REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNEF (S/11052/REV 1) WHICH WAS APPROVED BY SC RESOLUTION 341, IS AN ESTIMATE WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE SYG WITH A FLEXIBILITY FACTOR OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT. AT TIME OF UNEF'S ESTABLISHMENT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SYG AND CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS MILITARY STAFF TO DO MORE THAN ESTIMATE BOTH THE SIZE

AND COST OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATION REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION 340. IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE NOW FOR SC TO CONSIDER 7,800 MAN UNEF A MAJOR CHANGE IN SIZE SINCE SYG HAS STAYED CLOSE HIS ORIGINA ESTIMATE OF 7,000, MAINTAINED APPROVED GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION AND INTEGRATED THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT CONTINGENTS FROM CANADA AND POLAND INTO HIS OVERALL ESTIMATE OF THE SIZE OF UNEF. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROBLEM CAN APPROPRIATELY BE HANDLED THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

- 2. IF APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY NOTE THAT RECENT REDUCTIONS IN SIZE OF UNFICYP EFFECTED BY SYG WITHOUT FORMAL SC APPROVAL.
- 3. MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM OTHER SC MEMBERS TO AVERT FORMAL SC MEETING AND SC ACTION ON EITHER UNEF AUGMENTATION OR APPOINTMENT NEW UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF KISSINGER

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